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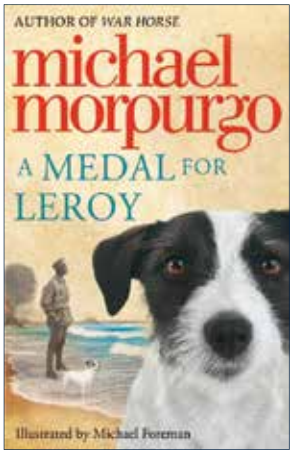
A Medal for Leroy



A Medal for Leroy – Poodle

'I grew up in the 1940s in London, just after the war. When I was a boy, my friends called me 'Poodle.' I didn't mind that much. I'd have preferred they called me Michael – it was my real name after all – but they rarely did.'

(*A Medal for Leroy*, Chapter 2, Poodle, Page 11)

Several of the characters in the story of *A Medal for Leroy* have nicknames:

Aunt Mary is called Auntie Pish, Aunt Martha is called Auntie Snowdrop and Leroy is called 'The Wizard'.

- **Do you have any nicknames? If so what are they and why were you given these nicknames?**
- **Do you have any nicknames for any of your friends and relations? If so what are they and why have you chosen for them these names?**

Harper Collins